

would make to you is, and I'll beat Senator Moore to doing this. About a year ago when we were deadlocked on this a group of us from the Omaha area went down to visit with Senator Moore and we said to Senator Moore, what about putting two alternatives on the ballot? What about letting the people decide? What about washing our hands of it as a Legislature and giving the people the option to make the decision? And that didn't appear to be all that negative to him at that time provided, and the proviso, and this is my characterization of it. He will probably want to characterize it differently, but the provision, the net effect of his was, as long as he got to determine what the second alternative was, no problem. He didn't want to put in front of the people at that time an alternative that would tax only a portion of tangible personal property. He said either the one that would allow the...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR WITHEM: ...whole thing to be exempted, or one that would put everything back on, but the proviso of allowing the people to vote on taxing a portion of tangible personal property and that description at that time was tax machinery, but don't tax inventories wasn't terribly acceptable. So the proposal has been around a while and the tables are turning I guess is the only point that I would make in regard to that, before he gets the opportunity to. Final point as to why I don't think this is a good idea is because you cannot call it procedural, call it nit-picking, I don't care. We're here on the last day and this proposal is before us. More importantly, it's before us without a vision of what that enabling legislation would be. Anybody can come in and talk about tax exemptions and run home and run up the banner about how you're in favor of tax exemptions. Until you have accompanying that...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR WITHEM: ...the proposed funding source, you really don't have anything. There is not a total package here and so it should be rejected.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. Senator Hefner, or Senator Withem. Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Madam President and members of the body, I rise to support this amendment. I think this is a great idea. It's